

***Fides et ratio***  
**(On the Relationship between Faith and Reason)**

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This presentation, a general overview of *Fides et ratio*, will be given as a dynamic interweaving of theological and philosophical reflections in an effort to convey the complementarity of theology and philosophy in relation to truth.

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